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SUBJECT: POST-QUITO ROUND ROBIN LETTER

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS SENT, IN THE AFTERMATH OF QUITO, A LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL OAS COUNTRIES REGARDING HIS DESIRE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THEM ABOUT HOW BEST TO PROCEED ON THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE BUENOS AIRES MFM IN MARCH. WE HAVE ADJUSTED THAT TEXT TO THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE COUNTRY TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE OAS. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER FROM THE SECRETARY.

A. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR SONNY: WITH OUR MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES ONLY FOUR MONTHS AWAY, THIS MIGHT BE A PROPITIOUS TIME TO TAKE A BROAD VIEW OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS OF THE QUITO CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATE TO US ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF FULLER CONSULTATIONS IN ADVANCE OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS. I CAN
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ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS OPEN-MINDED

ON THE SUBJECT DEBATED AT THE QUITO MEETING AND IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE OUR EXCHANGES -- ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS -- WITH GOOD WILL AND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE SO HOPEFULLY AND WELL BEGUN AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE OAS. I WOULD BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON WHERE WE SHOULD GO FROM HERE, NOT ONLY ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE QUITO MEETING, BUT ON THE WORK IN PROGRESS IN THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND IN THE WORKING GROUPS CREATED AFTER THE APRIL MFM IN WASHINGTON.

C. IN MY VIEW, WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE HOW THESE MATTERS LEND THEMSELVES TO CONCRETE SOLUTION IN THE SHORT RUN. IF WE DO SO, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE MORE DIFFICULT AND LONGER RANGE QUESTIONS, IT COULD PROVIDE A MOMENTUM OF PROGRESS WHICH WOULD SUSTAIN THE NEW DIALOGUE WITH A SENSE OF REAL AND SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENT.

D. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND TO BEING WITH YOU AT THE MARCH MEETING OF OUR COLLEAGUES. WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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